

AZ Communications Unit Training Program Update

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Overview



- 2011 Review
 - Communications Unit Leader (COML) Courses
 - AZ Approved COML Instructors
 - Communications Unit Technician (COMT) Course
- Upcoming 2012 Training
 - COML Courses
 - COMT Course
 - COML Field Day

2011 COML Courses



- The All-Hazards COML course trains emergency responders to serve as COMLs during all hazards emergency operations.
- The 4-day curriculum must be led by an OEC or FEMA approved COML Instructor.
- As prescribed by the AZ Communications Unit Training Coordination Procedure (<http://www.azpsic.gov/library/standards/default.htm>), the PSIC Office collaborated with ADEM to offer 3 COML courses in winter 2011:
 - **Phoenix: October 17 - 20, 2011** (Maricopa County sponsored, utilizing ADEM training funds)
 - **Kingman: November 28 - December 1, 2011** (PSIC sponsored, utilizing IECGP funds)
 - **Tucson: December 5 - 8, 2011** (PSIC sponsored, utilizing IECGP funds)

2011 COML Courses, *cont.*



- For all 3 courses, enrollment was administered through ADEM's Event Registration and Management Application (ERMA).
- The PSIC Office was responsible for approving enrollment after students completed and submitted 2 required registration forms:
 - FEMA General Admissions Application
 - COML Course Registration and Prerequisite Certification Form
- 43 students successfully completed the courses. These individuals:
 - Will receive Certificates of Completion from the National Emergency Training Center (NETC)
 - Have 3 years from the last day of the class complete a position-specific Taskbook before they can be certified as All-Hazards COMLs

AZ COML Instructor Cadre



- Instructors in training that completed the COML Train-the-Trainer course were required to “adjunct teach” with an OEC approved lead instructor by Dec 31, 2011 to become OEC approved COML instructors.
- In an effort to develop a group of Arizona Instructors, the COML courses were offered with the condition that the lead Instructor would allow participation by at least one local Instructor in training.
- Six candidates from AZ completed the requirements and submitted their All-Hazards COML Instructor Taskbooks to OEC for consideration.
- The following individuals were added to the OEC Approved Instructor List:

Jesse Cooper

Jeremy Knoll

Tad Coyner

Michael Todd

Robert Hollister

Michael Worrell

2011 COMT Course



- Arizona received a 2011 ICTAP Technical Assistance award for a COMT training course.
- The All-Hazards COMT course trains emergency responders on practices and procedures common to COMTs during all hazards emergency operations.
- The 5-day curriculum, led by two trained and federally recognized Instructors, was held in Tucson October 24 - 28, 2011.
- 14 students successfully completed the courses. These individuals:
 - Received Certificates of Completion from OEC
 - Have 3 years from the last day of the class complete a position-specific Taskbook before they can be certified as All-Hazards COMTs

Future Training



- Upcoming COML Courses:
 - FEMA is sponsoring a course in Glendale February 7-10, 2012 (ERMA Event #1001633).
 - The PSIC Office is planning to offer additional All-Hazards COML courses in 2012 utilizing IECGP 2010 funds.
 - Details will be posted online (<http://www.azpsic.gov/library/coml>) and emailed to the Interested Parties List.
- A COMT Course will be held in Maricopa County: a March/April 2012 delivery is targeted (utilizing SHSGP 2011 funding).
- A COML Field Day will be held in the spring in Maricopa County to provide additional training (utilizing IECGP 2010 funding).
 - A survey was sent out last week to assess the needs of interested COML candidates.

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Further Discussion; Questions?

Thank You!

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